

public understanding and scrutiny of agency proposals. This notice of intent is published as required by the President's Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing the provisions of NEPA, 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding the action can be addressed to Mark H. Burlas, Project Environmental Manager, phone (212) 264-4663, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, Planning Division, 26 Federal Plaza New York, New York 10278-0090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Authorization

The existing Federal project was originally authorized by the Flood Control Act of 12 October 1962 as a dual purpose Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project in accordance with House Document No. 464, 86th Congress, Second session. This project provided for beach fill, groins, and levees for various sections of the study area. The constructed project consists of segmented sections of beach fill and levees surrounding various communities in Old Bridge Township and Keansburg and East Keansburg. The current study was authorized by a resolution of the Committee on Public Works and Transportation, U.S. House of Representatives, adopted August 1, 1990. The feasibility study seeks to develop improvement plans to ascertain the most suitable long-term solution for the study area's flood and storm damage problems.

2. Location of the Proposed Action

The study area is located in the northern portion of Monmouth County, New Jersey. It occupies an approximate 1.8 square mile area of land along the coast of the Raritan Bay. The Borough of Union Beach is surrounded by the Raritan Bay to the north, East Creek to the east, the Township of Hazlet to the south and Chigarora Creek to the west. The study area is largely located in low elevation regions with numerous small creeks providing drainage. Currently, low-lying residential and commercial structures in the area are experiencing flooding caused by coastal storm inundation. This problem has progressively worsened in recent years due to loss of protective beaches and increased urbanization in the area with structures susceptible to flooding from rainfall and coastal storm surges, erosion and wave attack, combined with restrictions to channel flow in the tidal creek.

3. Reasonable Alternative Actions

In addition to the "No Action" alternative, the flood control component of the feasibility study will evaluate alternatives such as buy-outs, storm gates and floodwalls to avoid and minimize impacts to coastal wetlands, as well as various levee layouts and heights. The shore protection component will analyze alternatives such as the expansion of existing dunes and various improvements to existing beaches.

4. Significant Issues Requiring In-Depth Analysis

1. Coastal Wetlands Impacts; 2. Impacts to Aquatic Resources; 3. Archaeological and Cultural Resources Impacts; 4. Hydrology Impacts; 5. Economic Impacts.

5. Environmental Review and Consultation

Review will be conducted as outlined in the Council on Environmental Quality regulations dated November 29, 1983 (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineer regulation ER 200-2-2 dated March 4, 1988.

6. Public Scoping Meeting

A public scoping meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 22, 1998, at the Hazlet Public Library, (251 Middle Road, Union Beach, New Jersey 07730) at 5:30 p.m.

7. Estimated Date of DEIS Availability

January 2000.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-262-000]

Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation v. CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Complaint

July 1, 1998.

Take notice that on June 29, 1998, pursuant to Rule 206 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Commission, 18 CFR 385.206, Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation (COGC) tendered for filing a complaint respectfully requesting that the Commission: (1) expeditiously issue an injunctive order barring CNG Transmission Corporation (CNGT) from forcing producers or shippers/pool operators to purchase low

flow meters to avoid having their service terminated on July 1, 1998; (2) issue an order clarifying that CNGT's FERC Gas tariff does not provide CNGT with the authority to unilaterally terminate service unless a producer or shipper/pool operator agrees to purchase low flow meters from CNGT; and (3) issue an order requiring CNGT to repurchase any low flow meters that it forced parties to purchase in violation of its FERC Gas Tariff.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said complaint should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 214 and 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure 18 CFR 385.214, 385.211. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before July 15, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. Answers to this complaint shall be due on or before July 15, 1998.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP95-408-000 (Phase II)]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

July 1, 1998.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding on Thursday, July 9, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above-referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, please contact Thomas J. Burgess at (202) 208-

2058 or David R. Cain at (202) 208-0917.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-634-000]

Gas Transport, Inc.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 1, 1998.

Take notice that on June 25, 1998, Gas Transport, Inc. (GTI), P.O. Box 430, Lancaster, Ohio 43130-0430, filed in Docket No. CP98-634-000 for approval under Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations to construct and operate, a delivery point in order to deliver gas to West Virginia Power Company (WVPC) under GTI's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP86-291-000, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The delivery point is designated as GTI Line #1, #41+30. The delivery point will be located in Steele District, Wood County, West Virginia and will be used to deliver a maximum of 3,000 Dth per year. The cost is \$2,500, for which GTI will be fully reimbursed by WVPC. The service will be provided under GTI's IT Rate Schedule.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-143-000]

Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership; Notice of Site Visit

July 1, 1998.

On July 7, 1998, the Office of Pipeline Regulation staff will participate in an inspection of the route proposed by the Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership for its Sault Looping Project, in Mackinac County, Michigan. The inspection will begin at 12:00 p.m. from the office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Hiawatha National Forest, Eastside Administrative Unit at 1498 West U.S. 2, St. Ignace, Michigan.

All interested parties may attend the inspection. Those planning to attend must provide their own transportation. For further information, please contact Paul McKee at (202) 208-1611.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1994]

Heber Light and Power Company; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

July 1, 1998.

On November 2, 1995, Heber Light and Power Company, licensee for the Snake Creek Project No. 1994, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. Project No. 1994 is located on Snake Creek in Wasatch County, Utah.

The license for Project No. 1994 was issued for a period ending June 30, 1998. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year to year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in Section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of Section 15 of the FPA, then, based on Section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C.

558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b) (1998), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 1994 is issued to Heber Light and Power Company for a period effective July 1, 1998, through June 30, 1999, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before June 30, 1999, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Heber Light and Power Company is authorized to continue operation of the Snake Creek Project No. 1994 until such time as the Commission acts on its application for subsequent license.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1982]

Northern States Power Company; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

July 1, 1998.

On June 24, 1996, Northern States Power Company, licensee for the Holcombe Project No. 1982, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. Project No. 1982 is located on the Chippewa River in Chippewa and Rusk Counties, Wisconsin.